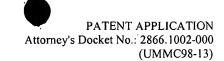
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## **AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 30, 1999 in the above-identified application.

A three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for a three-month extension of time is being filed concurrently together with the appropriate fee.

Please amend the application as follows: